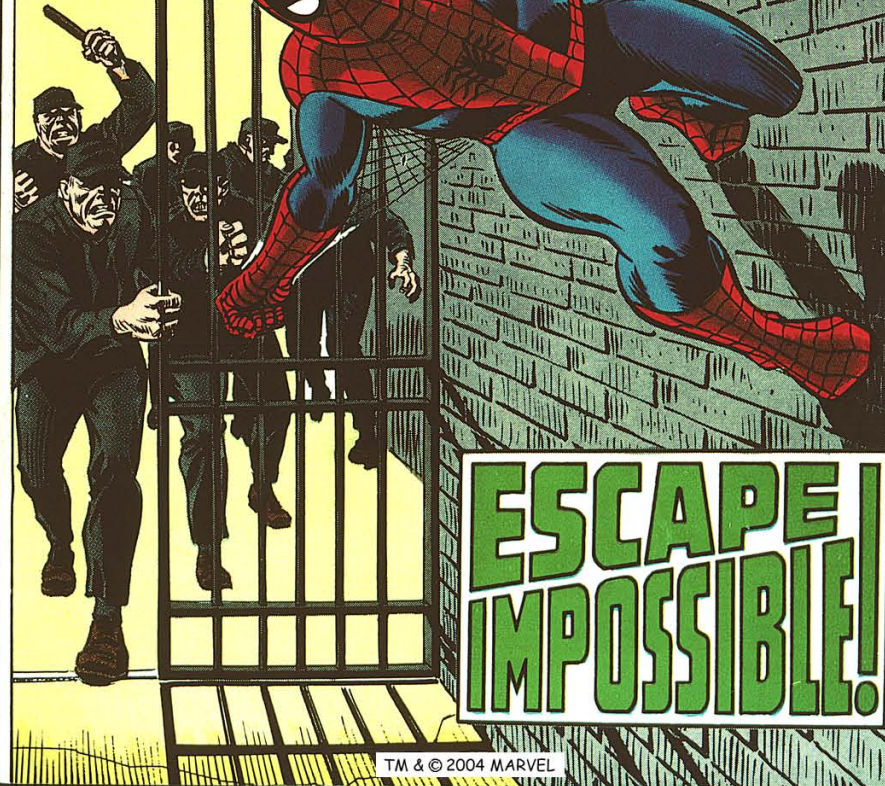




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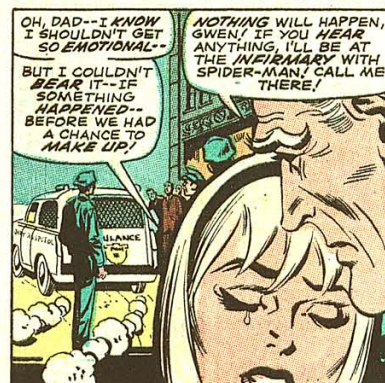
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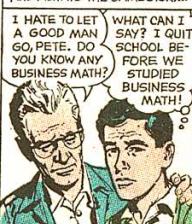


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FIGHTING TO PROTECT
THE CITY FROM THE
VULTURE?

NAH! THAT'S WHAT
HE WANTED US TO
THINK! IT WAS JUST
A GRUDGE FIGHT,
THAT'S ALL!

PERSONALLY,
I CAN'T STAND
ANYONE WHO
CARRIES A
GRUDGE!

NOW THAT WE'VE ABSORBED SOME JOLLY
JAMESONIAN PHILOSOPHY, LET'S TURN TO THE
PRISON INFIRMARY--

GET HIM INSIDE
FAST, PAL--BEFORE
HE COMES TO!

NOTHING
BUT IRON
BARS WILL
HOLD THAT
TOKER
WHEN HE
REVIVES!

HE SURE
DOESN'T
LOOK LIKE
MUCH OF
A THREAT
NOW!

BUT, THREAT OR NOT, THE
MOTIONLESS MASKED
CAPTIVE IS PLACED UNDER
CONTINUAL 24-HOUR GUARD
BY THE CONCERNED CON-
STABULARY, AND THEN--

I AGREE WITH
MR. JAMESON!
WE SHOULD
UNMASK HIM!

WE MAY NEVER
GET ANOTHER
SUCH PERFECT
CHANCE!

FORGET IT,
FRIEND!

THE POLICE COMMISSIONER
HIMSELF HAS PERSONALLY
ORDERED HANDS OFF!

HE WANTS
TO CHECK IT
OUT WITH
THE CITY'S
LEGAL
EAGLES!

I THINK THE
COMMISSIONER'S
DECISION WAS A
WISE ONE,
MR. NELSON!

--SO LONG AS
HE'S KEPT UNDER
HEAVY GUARD!

IN AN ELECTION
YEAR LIKE THIS,
IT CERTAINLY PAYS
TO BE CAUTIOUS!

WHERE--AM
I?--WHAT'S
HAPPENED--?

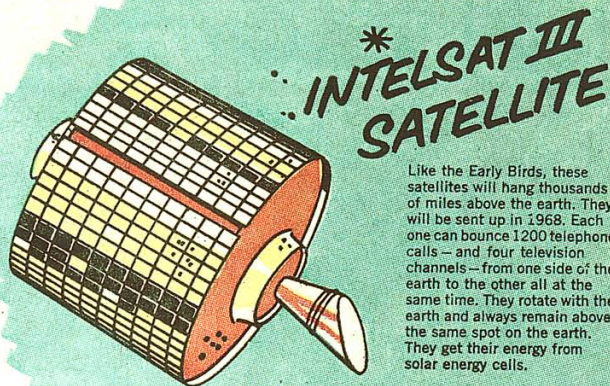
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AND EVEN AS
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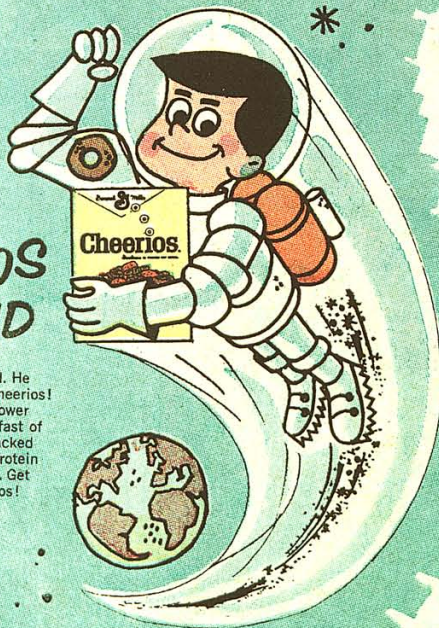


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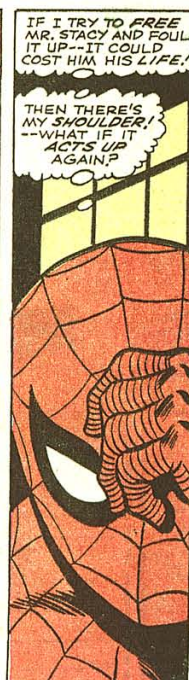
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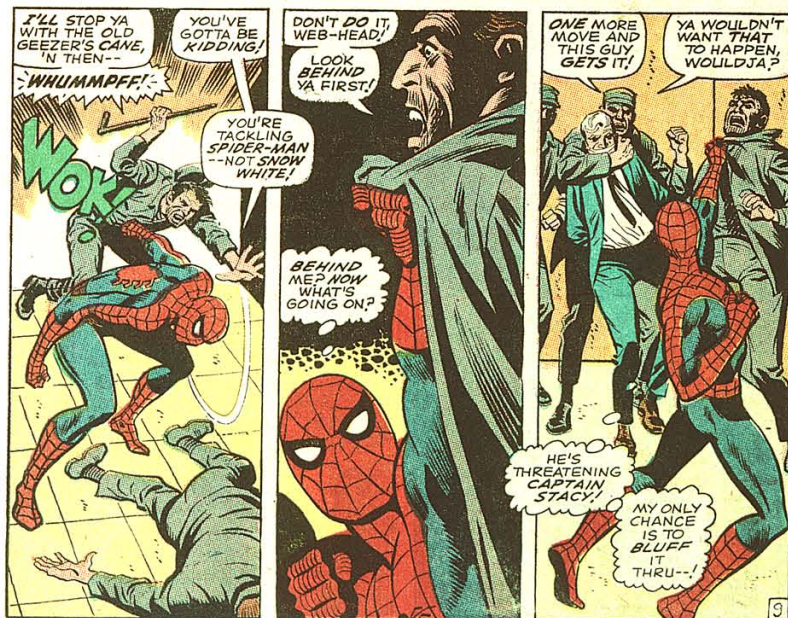
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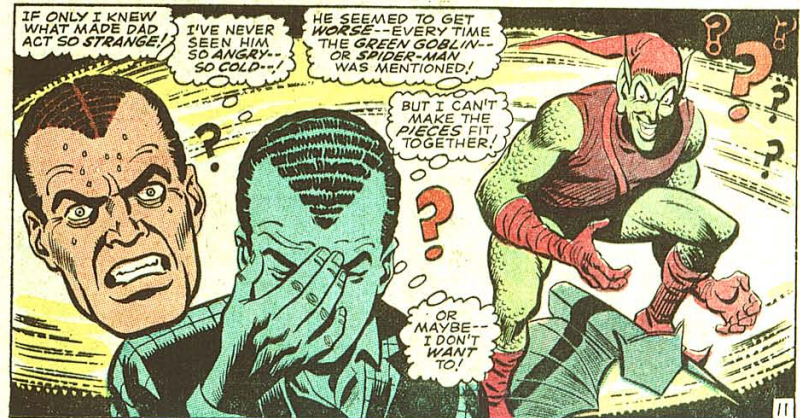
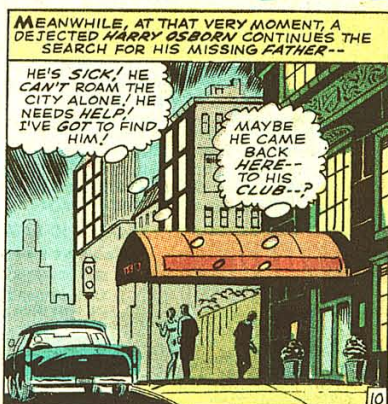
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THAT'S WHERE SPIDER-MAN IS!



YOU'LL HAVE TO HOLD YOUR FIRE IN THERE, THE WORD JUST CAME THRU--THEY'VE TAKEN CAPTAIN STACY AS A HOSTAGE!

THAT MASKED WALL-CRAWLER'S PROBABLY BEHIND THE WHOLE THING!

BUT DON'T WORRY! WE'LL GET HIM!



AH, BUT WILL THEY? LET'S SEE--

SO LONG AS GWEN'S DAD IS IN DANGER, I CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO JEOPARDIZE HIS LIFE!

I MUST ACT AS THOUGH I'M SIDING WITH THE CONS!

AND I'VE GOT TO THINK OF MYSELF, TOO! IF I DON'T BREAK OUT, THEY'RE SURE TO UNMASK ME SOONER OR LATER!

FOLLOW ME! I CAN GET YOU OUT BY BREAKING THE BARS WITH MY BARE HANDS!

THEN WHAT'RE WE WAITIN' FOR?

LET'S GO!



I KEEP HOPING THEY'LL RELAX THEIR GRIP ON CAPTAIN STACY-- SO I CAN TEAR INTO THEM!

BUT SO FAR-- IT'S NO SOAP!

AND, NO MATTER HOW FAST I AM-- IF I RUSH THEM ALL--ONE OF THEM IS SURE TO HURT HIM!

SO PLAY IT COOL, SPIDEY-- AND WAIT FOR AN OPENING!

THERE'S WHAT WE'RE AFTER!

THOSE BARS UP AHEAD--!



WHAT GOOD'S THAT GONNA DO? WE CAN'T GET UP THAT HIGH!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO--!



I'LL FIND US AN ESCAPE ROUTE IN THE YARD OUTSIDE--

WHILE YOU GET PAST THE GUARDS DOWN THERE BY HOLDING STACY IN FRONT OF YOU!



I THINK I KNOW WHAT I'VE GOT TO DO--

BUT, WHETHER I CAN PULL IT OFF OR NOT IS ANOTHER MATTER!



THE ONLY WAY TO REALLY SQUASH THEIR BREAKOUT-- AND FREE CAPTAIN STACY-- IS TO PICK THEM OFF, ONE AT A TIME!

AND MY BEST CHANCE OF GETTING AWAY WITH IT IS-- TO WORK IN THE DARK!

WHICH MEANS I'VE GOT TO MAKE IT TO THE MASTER FUSE BOX!



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OPEN UP 'N LET US OUT OR STACY GETS IT--HERE AND NOW!

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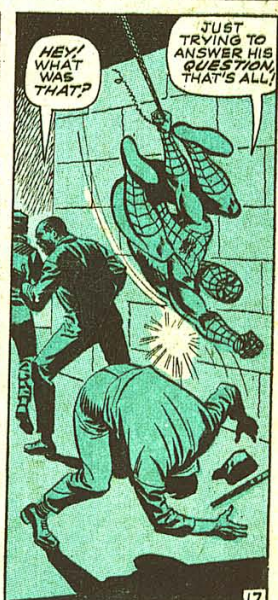
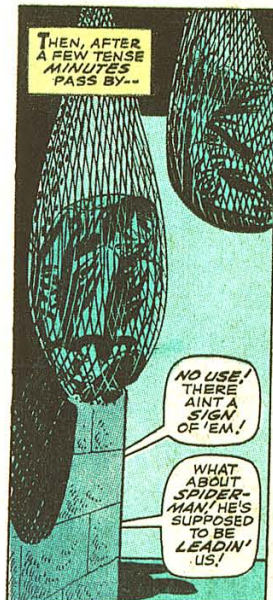
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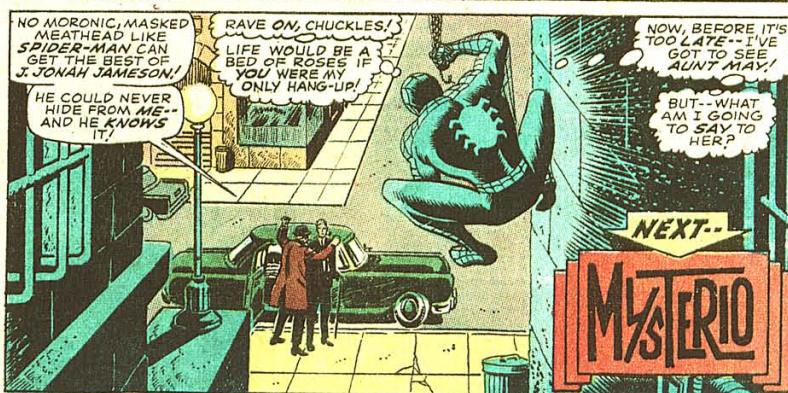
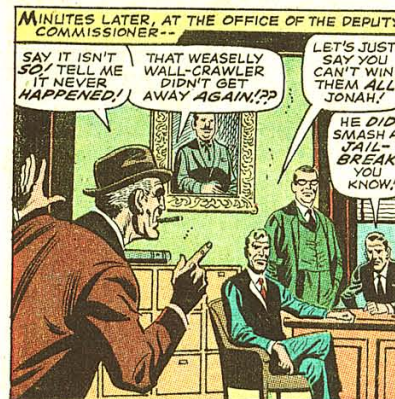
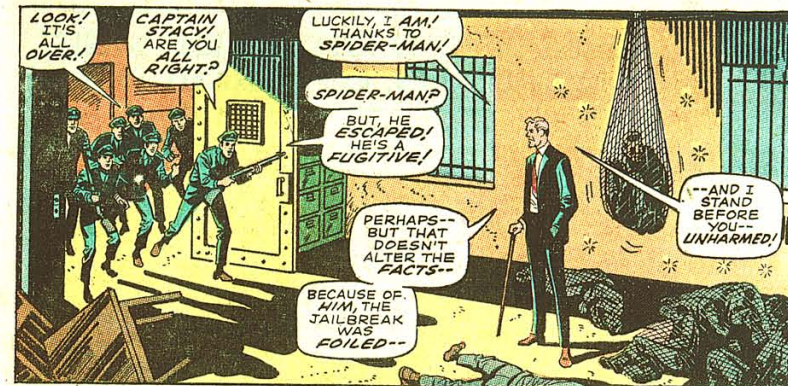


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ITEMS OF INCREDIBLE IMPORT TO ILLUMINATE YOUR INTEREST, INVIGORATE YOUR IMAGINATION, AND INTOXICATE YOUR ID!

ITEM! Hey, didja see the great plug we got in a recent ish of "GUIDE" if not, don't despair! It went like this: "Marvel has become champ of the comic-book game — 50,000,000 books a year, with a high number of them selling to college kids — There was lots more, but you might think we're bragging! So, we'll just end with a tinnitubulation! "Thank" to the guys 'n gals at the Guide... "cause you know how modest we are!

ITEM! Be sure to keep your eyes peeled for the tremendous new team of Genial GENE COLAN and Tender TOM PALMER as they join forces to illustrate DR. STRANGE. If ever a penciller and inker were born for each other — They're dynamite! And the same goes for Gentle JOHNNY CRAIG whom, in a moment of sheer inspiration, we've assigned to ink the power-packed penciling of Lonesome GEORGE TUSKA on IRON MAN! And, when DR. DOOM finally stars in his own strip, wait'll you see who the artists are! Yep, the ol' Bullpen's always been crawling with talent, but right about now we're threatening to burst at the seams! So, just keep watching, wondrous one!

ITEM! When we get a letter like this, we can't just toss it away. So, here's where we share it with you — "Dear Stan: Any Marvel maniacs who'd like to write a G.I. over here can address A/LONELY SOLDIER c/o USO, APO SAN FRANCISCO 96243. — Sincerely, Sgt. Mike Steiner RA12620949." 'Nuff said!

ITEM! In case you've been wondering, ol' SPIDEY and the ever-lovin' FANTASTIC FOUR are still causing a riot among the ratings on nationwide TV — to say nothing of SUBBY, THOR, GREEN SKIN, CAP, and SHELL-HEAD! And, if the flood of toys and games produced by MARVEL'S MARVEL, OHIO ART, WESTERN PUBLISHING, and KENNER TOYS, just to name a few, doesn't send your younger Believers into orbit, we'll never visit Yancy Street again! And by the way, just a reminder to check our merchandising page for those fabulous rare old plastic pillows of Thor and Spidey — and to latch onto the latest, greatest ish of Marvel's glitzy gag mag — GROOVY. —

ITEM! Wanna know the name of our newest writer? He's none other than Artful ARNOLD DRAKE, the loveable king-size treacherer who combines his own unique dramatic quality with a fabulous flair for biting satire and crafty characterization! Annie is certain to make his mark in the hallowed halls of Marvel — if we can keep him away from those end movies he so dearly loves to write! Welcome aboard, A.D. — it figures to be a rollickin' ride all the way!

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STAN'S SOAPBOX

This month we're gonna yak about something that has nothing to do with our mag: over the years we've received a zillion letters asking for the Bullpen's opinion about such diverse subjects as Viet Nam, civil rights, the war on poverty, and the upcoming election. We're fantastically grateful that our opinion would matter to you, but here's the hang-up: there ISN'T any unanimous Bullpen opinion about anything, except possibly mother love and apple pie! Take the election, for example. Some of us are staunch Democrats, and others dyed-in-the-wool Republicans. As for Yours Truly and a few others, we prefer to judge the person, rather than the party line. That's why we seek to avoid editorializing about controversial issues — not because we haven't our opinions, but rather because we share the same diversity of opinion as Americans everywhere. But, we'd like to go on record about one vital issue — we believe that Man has a divine destiny, and an awesome responsibility — the responsibility of treating all who share this wondrous world of ours with tolerance and respect — judging each fellow human on his own merit, regardless of race, creed, or color. That we agree on — and we'll never waver until it becomes a fact, rather than just a cherished dream!

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Stanley.

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THE SPIDER'S WEB

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Dear Stan, Roy, and John,

Spider-Man always has a trace of mystery, power and awe in his stories. The covers are usually dynamic; the villains, pure evil; the plots and art, great. With all of these traits invested in the mag of our wall-crawler, he's bound to be a favorite. However, after a streak of pure gold that began with SPIDEY #50, #62 was a tremendous let-down. Let's look at it step by step. The cover was par; not as great as SPIDERMAN #50, but every one can't be stupendous. The villain served only to set us up for MARVEL SUPER-HEROES starring Medusa (#15, to be exact). The plot was corny with that stupid hair spray idea. The fight was short and not very sweet. However, the art was excellent as usual. John Romita, Marie Severin, Dan Adkins, John Buscema, Jack Kirby, and my favorite Gene Colan are all great artists. Don't ever misplace them, lose them, or throw them away with this letter by mistake! Marvel isn't Marvel without them. Oh — and I can't wait for the Vulture. I also predict the Green Goblin will be back. Bring back the Scorpion, the Lizard, and Sandman. Bring back covers like #50. Bring back stories like #31-33. And tell dishonest Irv to bring back by source of above information and mag numbers, "Marvel's Greatest Achievements!" (Also known as the shortest book in the world).

Richard Swartz, R.R. #1 Box 217
Noblesville, Indiana 46060

We'll tell him, Richard — but knowing Irv, we won't ever see that massive manuscript in print! But you can rest easy that we won't throw away any of our valuable artists — and just to make sure we're putting your letter in a safe deposit box for posterity! Anyhow, we're sorry you weren't captivated by ish #62, but we content ourselves with the fact that you are one of the few who wrote non-rave reviews. And if you think the hair spray plot was corny, you oughta work on Madison Avenue for a while! The ad boys have been after Irving for three weeks to get him to do a bit for Lazy Lounger Long Johns!

Dear Stan and John,

Although I'm not an MMMS member, I just had to write to you fellas about a few things. First off, I've completely flipped over that wonder of wonders, and hero of heroes, Spider-Man! A dozen kisses to him, and to you for having the best comic around. Your stories are always an absolute groove, and the artwork very realistic. Secondly, is there some kind of male monopoly on Spidey or something? I've yet to see a letter from a gal printed. Don't say it's because no girls read Spidey, for my best friend, Laurie Spence, and I both are devoted Spiderman fans, and I'm sure there are other girls who feel the same way, too. Well, what is your answer to this one?

Pat Lintzenich, 57 Oetting Drive
St. Charles, Missouri 63301

You're looking at it, Pattie! And you aren't the first gal to have a letter on the Spidey letters page, altho we've gotta admit there haven't been too many! Anyway,

we'd like to welcome you and friend Laurie to the Ancient Society of Stalwart Supporters of Spider-Man! It is now your solemn responsibility to defend the name and honor of Spidey whenever and wherever they are questioned! So be it!

Dear Stan and John,

I have come to an interesting conclusion about Spider-Man. He is mentally ill. Follow my line of reasoning. Before Peter Parker became Spider-Man, he was a non-athletic hard-working student. Our society recognizes such a person as a clod, so this type of individual tends to be introverted. Now any person like this who still fights, even under severe stress, as Parker is shown doing in THE SPECTACULAR SPIDEY #1, is asking for it. He wants to feel sorry for himself. This is a very common thing in our society and accounts for a large percentage of doctor's visits. Parker's case is a little more extreme, however. Now picture this disturbed individual getting the powers of a spider. He still has a need for self-pity. This is why he develops every disease in the book, and still goes out to fight villains in his weakened state. This is why he develops amnesia, double vision, etc. which could easily be psychological. This is why he keeps losing girls. This is why he can lose all the time. He wants to. Now this illness on Spiderman's part strengthens the magazine, instead of weakening it. With a hang-up like that, what an interesting character you have! It'll be interesting to watch this case-history proceed. By the way, this is probably the best chance I'll ever have for a no-prize, as the first time I read each issue I am too engrossed to notice errors, so by the time I notice something wrong it's a few months too late. Till Peter Parker becomes the all-American boy, make mine MARVEL!

Dennis Smith, 1220 Paula Drive
Campbell, California 95008

Whatever you say, Denny! We're not sure what it takes to become the all-American boy, anyway — red, white and blue blood? But as for your theory on Peter Parker's mental condition, we have it on good authority that there is not a single superhero who is not at least somewhat hung-up. For that matter, there's no one alive (according to Freud) who isn't neurotic to a degree. But we certainly wouldn't classify Spider-Man as mentally ill! He never loses contact with reality, has next to no paranoid tendencies, and a minimum of phobias. And did you ever consider the possibility that he keeps fighting villains despite adversity because of his sense of justice? Is the desire to aid your fellow man so passé that it has now become a criterion for mental illness? Nay, nay — a thousand times we say these nay! We'll admit it isn't simply a case of a do-gooder doing good. There are many things that keep Spidey on the crime-fighting circuit, like a recognized sense of guilt for his uncle's death (you forget that one!), but he wants to make up for his early disregard of duty, not get punished for it by being a loser! All things considered, tho, Dennis — your no-prize is on the way! You earned it!

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Dear Stan and John,

You guys think you're pretty good don't you? Just because you've got Spidey you guys think you're pretty great. Well, do you want to know what I think? I think you're 100% right! I just got SPIDER-MAN #62 in the mail. All I could say was wow! What a head of hair! But Medusa's hair was never that long in the F.F. It was only as long as a regular woman's hair. How did it get as long as her whole body? Oh yeah, by the way, if you're going to bring Gobby — namely the Green Goblin — back, please do it soon.

David Perper, 5281 Woodlake Ave.
Woodland Hills, California 91364

No sooner said than done, Dave! The Green Goblin will be back battling Spidey in next month's Spectacular! And don't be too surprised if he turns up in the regular 12x mag within the next few months, too! Now, as for Mlle. Medusa's multilength locks, her hair has the amazing ability to elongate itself to any desired length, depending on how the beautiful Inhuman feels like wearing it! So, you can assume that since her appearance with the FF, she's decided to let her hair down! Any time she feels like returning to the shorter version, she can do so just as easily as she can extend a single strand in lieu of a helping hand. 'Nuff said!



Dear Men of Genius,

Wow, far out! I refer, of course, to your latest Marvel masterwork, the Gorgeously Hair Medusa #62! Having Spidey as a guest star was a great idea; maybe you should give him his own mag, huh? In all seriousness (would'a believe 34 serious?), I deem this the greatest issue of Spider-Man ever; it is the best. Jazzy John, though not with the skill of our beloved Forbush, has portrayed what I consider the most beautiful of all Marvel's femmes fatale. In conclusion, I must say that this was a very hairy story. (Hairy: cool, fab, gear, way out — all these adjectives carried to the mth (M for Marvel) degree.

Richard Volbrecht Jr., 792 Peru Road
Groton, New York 13073

We're glad you cleared that up for us, Rich — we didn't know whether to smile or get out the clippers! We're ecstatic that you consider the magnificent Medusa the loveliest of lovelies. John R. has such a crush on her that at this point he wouldn't put up with anything less than accolades of praise for his favorite redhead, even if she did have the gall to upstage Spidey in his own mag! Just like a woman, huh!

Dear Stan and Johnny,

You'll never know how happy I was with SPIDEY #62! I had just about condemned Spidey to the Deteriorating Heroes Haven (run by Forbush, Inc.) his personal problems were showing good solid action out the window. Sure he fought — but every couple panels he kept thinking about Gwen and Harry and good ol' Auntie May (not too often) and so on! Well, for once you didn't have him cry all through the fight! And speaking about fights, since when does Spidey let himself get pushed around by some dame with long hair? I know he's a gentleman but really — that's going too far! Anyway, I believe I implied that this was to be a congratulatory letter... so congrats! Last stop... I have a premonition that Spidey is going to tell Gwen or Harry his secret identity. Gwen's the most likely prospect, but that might lead to marriage! But in real life that's what Pete would do. After all, you don't have to get them married immediately — say in 20 years or so. Pete will probably stay 19 years old for 20 years anyway. I suggest you have Pete confide in both Gwen and Harry — the former to relieve him of all these problems, the latter for more story excitement!

Mark Squires, 1315 N. 75th Street
Philadelphia, Penn. 19151

More story excitement, Mark? Sheesh! If things get any more exciting we'd have to start including a year's supply of tranquilizers with each subscription! And waddaya mean "in real life"? What do you think this is... hamfist? Boy! After we knock ourselves out trying to tell it like it is, you go and throw a clinker like that in the works! Peter loves Gwendolyn, and that's the only reason he hasn't let her in on one of the best-kept secrets of the century! You can bet he'd do it if he could be reasonably certain that the knowledge of his identity wouldn't endanger Gwen! In the meantime, poor Pete is trying to keep his problems down to a minimum! Who are we to mess things up?

Dear Stan,

I think Spider-Man is the best one hero in Marveldom, but how come he doesn't have a partner? You know, like Bucky and Cap, only have it Spider-Man and Spider-Boy. Have Aunt May adopt a poor, lost child and then have Peter take him for a ride on his Honda (or is it a Triumph?) and have a wreck. The blood bank would be desperately low on blood and Peter's the only one with his blood type. So Peter gives him (you'd better name him) a blood transfusion and the boy gains spider powers! (Surprise!) Then have Harry's dad regain his memory and become the Green Goblin (horror!). Have Spider-Man helpless before the Green Goblin and have Spider-Boy come and save Spidey. Well, you can't say I didn't try. Anyway, I hope (if you try him) his powers would stay. If you did have to remove him, I hope it would be good. Tell Irving hello for me! So till Forbush-man takes over the world (shudder), so long. Assés dit ('nuff said).

Fred Brown, 1870 Northcrest Drive
Crescent City, California 95531

Pas vraiment, Freddie! 'See, we think that a young partner would probably mean more trouble for Spidey. The kid would want to tag along on all his dates with Gwen (if they ever get together again) and M.J.I. Besides, that would make two people for Aunt May to worry about and fuss over, and we think Pete is enough of an emotional strain on her heart as it is! And if these reasons aren't enough, it seems to your ever-lovin' Bullpen that Spider-Man is, was, and always will be, basically a loner. He operates best under solitary conditions, and we're sure you wouldn't want him to lose even 1% of his effectiveness as a superhero! Right? Right!

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